ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE O

Since 1983, the voters in the Ross Valley have overwhelmingly approved a special tax to provide paramedic service. To continue this high standard of emergency medical care for four more years, you must now reapprove this measure. The initial RVPA tax provided for a single ambulance. The demand for paramedic service from our citizens dictated that one ambulance could no longer deliver an adequate response to the residents of the area. Therefore, a second paramedic ambulance is now in service.

To fund this improved service without increasing the current tax, the RVPA plans to charge for ambulance transport. This is the standard for all other paramedic provider agencies within Marin County. This transport charge will be billed to insurance providers, such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, and private insurance carriers.

Your parcel tax covers the base level services, including dedicated paramedic ambulances in the Ross Valley, 9-1-1 responses, and paramedic training. The transport charge covers the cost of transporting patients to the hospital. The actual parcel tax will be determined each year. A "YES" vote for this measure does not increase the parcel tax, which has been $30.00 per parcel for the past eight years.

The goal of the Fire Chiefs of the Ross Valley is to continuously improve paramedic services and response times.

We need YOUR vote to continue this vital service. Vote "YES" on Measure O.

s/ Frank A. Tessin, Chairman
Board/Directors Kentfield Fire Protection District

s/ Gerard F. Doherty, Secretary
Board/Directors Kentfield Fire Protection District

NO ARGUMENT AGAINST THIS MEASURE WAS SUBMITTED

End of Measure O